

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application.

In response to the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action, the Title of the invention is amended herewith to accept the Examiner's suggestion on page 3 of the Office Action.

The Abstract has been changed by deleting the first sentence and first five words of the second sentence, which should relieve any concerns implied by the inclusion of the PTO guidelines in the Office Action.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7-43. Non-elected 1-6 have been cancelled by the above to facilitate prompt allowance of the application.

In light of these changes, Applicants respectfully submit that they have overcome the formalities identified in the Ex Parte Quayle Action and that the application is now in condition for allowance.

It is noted, however, that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance mentions independent "Claim 1". However, upon reading the description, it is apparent that the Examiner was referring to independent Claim 7, at page 3, of the Office Action. Insofar as this understanding is reasonably clear, no remedial action is requested at this time.

In light of the forgoing, issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should any residual issues arise, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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